REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
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MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2003

PLANNING FOR INTEGRATED LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION (PILUT) PROCESS

The PILUT Process (Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation) is an integrated strategy to more efficiently produce many of SCAG's major work items. PILUT will provide the organizational foundation to support an ongoing planning process designed to maximize effectiveness and to minimize duplicative efforts. This innovative response to limited resources and challenging planning issues will: (1) Produce the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); (2) Produce the 2004 RTP Environmental Impact Report (EIR); (3) Reinforce the Growth Visioning process; (4) Provide ongoing public outreach; and (5) Update the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The joint PILUT 2004 RTP/EIR process will provide a useful evaluation that explicitly explores the nexus between growth and transportation investments and policies. The Regional Council approved the PILUT process.

COORDINATION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ON I-15 AT THE COUNTY LINE BETWEEN RIVERSIDE & SAN DIEGO

Riverside County Measure A extension calls for adding at least one mixed flow lane in each direction on I-15 from SR-60 to the County line between Riverside and San Diego. This would increase the number of lanes on the Riverside portion of I-15 from existing 8 mixed flow lanes to 10 lanes. Currently there are no plans for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes on this freeway on the Riverside side. However, San Diego is proposing to re-stripe the freeway on the San Diego side to convert two existing mixed flow lanes to HOV lanes so that the number of mixed flow lanes will be actually reduced to 6 lanes. If these improvements were to be implemented, I-15 would have to be transitioned from 10 mixed flow lanes to 6 mixed flow lanes at the county line which would pose a serious traffic and safety hazard. Therefore, it is extremely critical to maintain an on going dialog between the two regions. The Regional Council approved working with RCTC, SANDAG, Caltrans Districts 8 & 11, the City of Temecula as well as other parties to ensure coordination of the proposed improvements.

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THE 2003 SCAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is responsible for making policy decisions and determining policy matters, reviewing and adopting the proposed budget as well as reviewing pertinent issues that may be presented by an official representatives who proposes a policy matter in the form of a resolution 45 days prior to any regular meeting of the Assembly. The 2003 General Assembly will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCAG DISTRICT ELECTIONS

SCAG district elections are conducted annually in accordance to the SCAG Bylaws and correspond according to the appropriate year. This year odd-numbered districts will hold their respective district elections seeking Regional Council members to serve for a two-year term. Newly elected members will take office at close of the General Assembly in May, unless filling a vacant seat.

District # 3   Hon. Charles White, Moreno Valley **(Re-elected)**
District # 5   Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula **(Re-elected)**
District # 63   Hon. Jeff Miller, Corona **(Re-elected)**
District # 7   Hon: Susan Longville, San Bernardino **(Re-elected)**
District # 9   Hon. Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga **(Re-elected)**
District # 11   Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow **(Re-elected)**
District # 33   Hon. Dick Stanford, Azusa **(Re-elected)**
District # 35   Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel **(Re-elected)**
District # 37   Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut **(Re-elected)**
District # 39   Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance **(Newly elected)**
District # 4 1   Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica **(Re-elected)**